



2020 Catalogue

Thank You Thank You Thank You

To all our tremendous COMMITTEE CHAIRS and members who have gone above and beyond to make the Beth Jacob Gala such a success! We so appreciate you.

Meira Albert, Nili Shorser and Tamar Lerner - Event Solicitations
Raphael Edelman - Thank you for soliciting this evening's underwriters
Tova Slome, Bev Weinberger and Brian Slome - Decorations
Hank Hanig, Raviv Rubin and Sophia Burshteyn - All things auction and catalogue
Todd Wilkof, Ariel Bernstein and Jonathan Hajdu - Bar
Jonathan Hajdu - Wine
Ellie Hajdu - Graphic Design
Maxim Shusteff - Master of Ceremonies
David Gluck - Mood Music
Dawn Arens - Gala Night Volunteer Coordinator
Check-in Volunteers - Leora Hahn, Tamar Shusteff, Claire Xu and teens
Jessica Minkoff - Food coordinator
Rabbi Albert and Deborah Sosebee - Shul leadership
Orlee Karpel and Leslie Edelman - last year's Chairs for all their advice
Lilly Krenn, Adira Aufhauser and Melissa Harel - All things administrative
Teen Volunteers - Sarah Offenberg, Levi Eig and friends
Corey Bova for facilities and custodial support

And for anyone we inadvertently left out, THANK YOU for everything you have done to help this evening be a hit!

To all the donors of the wonderful event offerings - thank you for thinking of these great ideas and offering your homes, your ideas, your time and yourselves.

A huge thank you to all our underwriters for helping us reach the Gala's fundraising goals. Your generosity will enable so much learning, so many programs and events. We appreciate your generous commitment to the Beth Jacob Community.

Thank you Epic Bites for your DELICIOUS CATERING - thank you Heshy Fried for all you and your staff do for BJC.

With much appreciation,

Terry Friedkin & Jessica Minkoff, Gala Chairs

Order of Events

5:45 pm

Mincha / Maariv

6:15 pm

Gala Begins

6:15 - 8:00 pm

***Silent Auction / Passed Hors d'oeuvres /
Dinner***

8:00 pm

Dessert / Silent Auction closes

8:15 - 9:00 pm

Costume Contest & Paddle Auction

Open bar throughout the evening

The Complicated Stuff - A Bid Sheet Tutorial

Welcome to the Bid Sheet Tutorial. In this lesson, you will learn how to score the event of your dreams, maximize your potential, and bring about world peace. If you have questions, contact Hank Hanig or Raviv Rubin.

First, **READ THE EVENT DESCRIPTION** so you know how many slots are available. The slots are awarded to the highest bidders downward, and, if there are multiple bids at the same price, to the first bidders signed up at that price.

In the example below, an event that can accommodate 8 people, the two slots at the highest bid (\$70) got in as did the four slots at the middle bid (\$60), and then only the *first* two at the cheapest bid (\$50) (see bolded names). The Blumenfelds, seeing that the Friedmans and Sosebees were taking up 4 slots, realized that they had to increase their bid to at least \$60 in order to be in the top 8. (This action forced R. Astrachan and Hanig out of the running. The Edelmans never had a chance!) The Alberts feeling extremely lucky, just waited it out-this time their gamble paid off. Of note, the Friedmans DEFINITELY wanted this dinner, so they bid \$70 before anyone else bid \$60 to ensure they would have a slot. Also of note, there may end up being multiple bid sheets if there are not enough columns to accommodate increasing prices.

601. Wonderful Food Wonderful People

Come dine with these phenomenal chefs. Your senses will be amazed. For 8 adults. Minimum bid \$50. Raise \$10.

	\$50	\$60	\$70
1	Albert	Sosebee	Friedman
2	Albert	Sosebee	Friedman
3	R. Astrachan	Blumenfeld	
4	Hanig	Blumenfeld	
5	Blumenfeld		
6	Blumenfeld		
7	Edelman		
8	Edelman		

Note: the following applies to all food items in Catalog indicated with an *:

* Standards of kashrut are those of the donor and are not assured by Beth Jacob. Please consult Rabbi Albert if you have questions about the kashrut standards of the host kitchen.

Handy-Dandy Calendar Planner

Luxury Destinations						
	#	Event Name	Day	Date and Time	Min Bid	Notes
	201	A Week in Palm Springs	TBD	Avail May - December 2020	\$1800 / family or group	
	202	One-Week Stay in Albion! (Mendocino)	TBD	Tues to Tues, Date TBA	\$1500 / family or group	8 persons / 4 kids max
	203	Sailing SF Bay	Sunday	Avail April - November 2020	\$500 / group	Adult & 12 & older teens
Events - 2020						
	#	Event Name	Day	Date and Time	Min Bid	Notes
March	301	Pesach Cooking Class	Sunday	3/29/2020 11:00 AM	\$50 / person	Adults only
April	302	Epic Bites Cocktail Party	Thursday	4/2/2020 7:00PM	\$100 / person	Adults only
	303	Feast- Artisanal Sephardic Meal	Sunday	4/19/2020 6:00 PM	\$136 / person	Adults only
	304	Crafting and Cocktails	Thursday	4/23/2020 7:00 PM	\$36 / person	Women only
	305	Pilates-Yoga: Piloga Event for Ladies	Sunday	4/26/2020 3:00 PM	\$20 / person	Females above 13
	306	Literary Salon	Sunday	4/26/2020 4:00 PM	\$25 / person	Adults only
	307	I Heart Kosher Weiners and Frank!	Sunday	4/26/2020 7:00 PM	\$25 / person	Adults only
May	308	Sunday Cycle	Sunday	5/3/2020 9:00 AM	\$54 / person	
	309	Harry Potter and the Cursed Child	Wednesday	5/6/2020 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM	\$150 / double ticket	3 tickets available
	310	Women and Girls Challah Bake and Shiur	Tuesday	5/5/2020 7:00 PM	\$25 / person	Women/girls 8 & older
	311	Man's Cup Cruise	Sunday	5/17/2020 Time TBD	\$100 / person	Men 18 or older
	312	Backyard Burger (and Sausage!) Bar	Sunday	5/17/2020 4:00 PM	\$80 / family	
June	313	Canyon Ranch Oakland	Sunday	6/7/2020 11:00 AM	\$75 / person	Women only
	314	Adult Latte n Learn!	TBD	Likely June 2019	\$15 / person	
July	315	Jewish Musicians from the 1950's to the Pres	Sunday	7/5/2020 7:30 PM	\$40 / person	
	316	Backpacking with the Boys	Sun to Tues	7/12/2020 to 7/14/2020	\$250 / person	
	317	Backyard Extravaganza in Danville	Sunday	7/19/2020 Noon	\$65 / family	
	318	Cake Decorating - Get that Idea Down in Frost	Sunday	7/26/2020 1:00 PM	\$30 / person	
August	319	Murder Among the Mateys	Sunday	8/9/20 5:30 PM	\$75 / person	
	320	Wine and Dine in the Napa Sunshine	Sunday	8/23/2020 12:00 PM	\$100 / person	Adults only
	321	Mother and Daughter Swim	Sunday	8/30/2020 10:00 AM	\$15 / adult	Moms and daughters
	322	Family Swim Party	Sunday	8/30/2020 2:00 PM	\$75 / family	
September	323	Annual Santa Rosa Soiree	Sunday	9/13/2020 11:00 AM	\$15 / person	
	324	Rosh Hashana at the Alberts'	Friday	9/18/2020 7:30 PM	\$200 per family/group	
October	325	Sukkot at the Alberts'	TBD	TBD	\$200 per family/group	
	326	Cheese With a Breeze	Tuesday	10/6/2020 8:00 PM	\$50 / person	Adults only
	327	Tastes of Tuscany in the Sukkah	Thursday	10/8/2020 7:00 PM	\$50 / person	Adults only
	328	Shabbat Hike and Lunch up to Har Holyrood	Saturday	10/24/2020 1:15 PM	\$25 / person	
November	329	Small Plates, Big Sounds: Vol. 2	Saturday	11/7/2020 8:00 PM	\$80 / person	Adults only
	330	Real Women Drink Bourbon	Saturday	11/7 or 11/14/2020 / 7:30 PM	\$40 / person	Women only
	331	Faites la fête!	Sunday	11/8/2020 9:30 AM	\$50 / person	
	332	Pub night	Saturday	11/14/2020 7:00 PM	\$40 / person	Adults only
	333	Mexican Fiesta Brunch	Sunday	11/15/2020 10:30 AM	\$50 / person	Adults only
	334	Russian Dinner #8	Sunday	11/15/2020 6:00 PM	\$70 / person	Adults only
December	335	Women's Boogie Night	Sunday	12/6/2020 7:30 PM	\$25 / person	Women only
	336	Shabbat Chanukah meal at the Alberts'	Saturday	12/12/2020 1:30 PM	\$45 / person	
	337	6th Annual Comedy Night	Saturday	12/12/2020 7:30 PM	\$45 / person	Adults only
	338	Homecooked Sichuan Dinner	Sunday	12/13/2020 7:00 PM	\$20/ person	Adults only
	339	A Taste of Bohemia	Sunday	12/20/2020 5:00 PM	\$75 / person	Adults and older teens

Events - 2021						
	#	Event Name	Day	Date and Time	Min Bid	Notes
January	340	Shakshuka and Mimosas	Sunday	1/10/2021 10:30 AM	\$40 / person	Adults only
	341	Journey to Taiwan Mountains - Tea Tasting	Sunday	1/10/2021 2:00 PM	\$50 / pair	
	342	Wine Tasting, Art Making, Dessert Awaiting	Saturday	1/23/2021 8:00 PM	\$100 / person	Adults only
February	343	Super Bowl 2021 Party	Sunday	2/7/2021 3:30 PM	\$100 / family	
	344	Art Attack Two	Sunday	2/14/2021 1:30 PM	\$40 / child	Includes accompanying adult
Events - Dates To Be Determined (TBD)						
	#	Event Name	Day	Date and Time	Min Bid	Notes
	350	Shabbat Lunch with a Scholar-in-Residence	Saturday	TBD	\$50 / person	
	351	Private Yoga/Massage session	TBD	TBD	\$100 / person	Women only
Getaways - Dates To Be Arranged (TBA)						
	#	Event Name	Day	Date and Time	Min Bid	Notes
	401	Rabbi Dardik's Old City Tour	S/M/T/W	TBA 2:00 PM	\$100 / family	5 tours available
	402	Shabbat with the Foxes	TBD	TBA	\$125 / family	
	403	Shabbat at the Linkses' in CT!	TBD	TBA	\$50 / family	
	404	Shabbat Weekend in Beautiful Boca Raton, Florida	TBD	TBA	\$180 / family	
	405	Shabbat Getaway with the Eggers	TBD	TBA	\$50 / family	

Paddle-Item Details

Imagine this: You can't attend the gala, or there aren't items you want to buy, but you want to support BJC. Or this: The evening is winding down and you were outbid on a couple of items. So maybe, just maybe, you've got a few extra dollars to spend.

For \$18: Make sure that we never run low on Peet's again!

We clearly have a community with sophisticated palates. Now that we're offering pour-over coffee service on Shabbat, we want to be able to serve premium coffee! Raise your paddle to keep us stocked with Peet's coffee and a nice selection of teas.

For \$54: Help us buy bookshelves for the small sanctuary to store the beautiful new set of Talmud Bavli generously donated to our community by an anonymous member. And if we raise enough money, we'll also purchase a table so that anyone who wants to can comfortably learn from these magnificent tomes.

For \$180: Help us AGAIN raise money for the replacement of the sanctuary partition. Last year's effort to do so was good, but we didn't receive enough to carry out the work. Raise your paddle and put us over the top on this much needed project to allow us to create a more intimate space in our sanctuary for meaningful prayer and learning.

A. Luxury Destinations

201 A Week in Palm Springs

A Week at a Palm Springs/Coachella/Stagecoach/BNP Desert Retreat

Enjoy a week-long stay at this beautiful residential home in a quiet, family-oriented neighborhood centrally located in the charming town of La Quinta, with great access to the Palm Springs area and events. The house offers a swimming pool, hot tub, 2nd floor sun deck and ping pong/air hockey/pool table inside.

Bdrm 1 - King Bed

Bdrm 2 - Queen Bed

Bdrm 3 - Queen Bed

Bdrm 4 - 2 pull-out Twin Beds

Living room - 2 pull-out Twin Beds

Bring a family or two, travel with another couple or two, or just get away to a quiet retreat! Limit of up to 10 people, please. Food is not included. Up to seven days including one weekend. Book between May and December 2020, excluding major holidays. Check dates as soon as possible to ensure availability!

One opportunity available, between May and December 2020. Minimum bid is \$1800.

Donor: Mila & Larry Wichter

Priceless!

202 One-Week Stay in Albion! (Mendocino)

Stay for a week in a home with an amazing iconic (postcard) white-water view (bridge, headlands, etc.) in Albion, Mendocino County. Three private sleeping areas (one King Bed, one Queen bed and a great room with two bunk beds - two twin and two full. Also a sunroom that can be semi-private at night. Large living room, dining room and kitchen. Enjoy the ample space with friends and family. Simple on the outside, VERY comfortable inside. Great views. Limited cell service . Wi-Fi available. Date to be arranged from Tuesday to Tuesday. Up to 8 persons, including a max of 4 kids. No pets. One bathroom. No cleaning service. Guests expected to clean and leave it as they found it.

Minimum bid \$1500.

Donor: Seth Merewitz

Priceless!

203 *Sailing SF Bay

Sail away on Scheherazade, a Catalina 350 sailboat based in Alameda. Enjoy lunch and a beautiful day on the Bay. Date is a mutually agreeable Sunday April - November 2020. Food will be from Flying Falafel.

Available to **one group** of up to 4 adults and children (must be 12 or older).
Minimum bid is \$500/group.

Donor: Robert & Sandy Goldberg

Priceless!

B. Events

301 *Pesach Cooking Class

Back by popular demand! Learn unique Pesach recipes to create both savory and sweet dishes. Taught once again by our very own Leslie Wilkof after an eight-year hiatus! Attend and come home invigorated with many tips and ideas for the holiday. Recipe booklet will be provided with new recipes and favorites such as Pesach granola and matzo meal polenta with mushroom ragu. Adults only.

Available to **10 adults** from **11:00 AM to 1:30 PM** on **Sunday 3/29/2020** at the Friedkin kitchen, 308 Saint James Drive, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$50/person.**

Donor: Leslie Wilkof & Terry Friedkin

Priceless!

302 *Epic Bites Cocktail Party

Epic cocktail party. Socialize with fellow Beth Jacob foodies while sipping craft cocktails and enjoying tasty morsels of Heshy's creations.

Available to **40 adults** at **7:00 PM** on **Thursday 4/2/2020** at the Minkoff residence, 6272 Virgo Road, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$100/person.**

Donor: Epic Bites Catering and Dan & Jessica Minkoff

Priceless!

303 *Feast- Artisanal Sephardic Meal

A delicious multi-course fish/pareve meal prepared by Israeli Chef Aliza Grayevsky Somekh (8th generation Jerusalemite) with flavors from Greece, Turkey, Italy, and North Africa. Layering together elements of tradition and innovation, Feast will delight your senses and feed your soul. Each delicious dish will tell the story of one of the most formative episodes in Jewish history. Storytelling and music.

Available to **30 adults** at **6:00 PM** on **Sunday 4/19/2020** at the Stephen & Terry Friedkin residence, 308 Saint James Drive, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$136/person.**

Donor: Gerald & Miriam Friedkin, Stephen & Terry Friedkin, Dan Levin & Galyn Susman and Roni & Julie Ovadia

Priceless!

304 *Crafting and Cocktails

Join sisters Jessica Minkoff and Jen Blumenfeld for a women's-only craft night. There will be cocktails, mocktails and snacks. Get ready to tile, paint, glue, stitch, fold, tie, and give it your all. Always a night for friendships new and old.

Available to **12 women** at **7:00 PM** on **Thursday 4/23/2020** at the Minkoff residence, 6272 Virgo Rd., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$36/woman.**

Donor: Jessica Minkoff & Jen Blumenfeld

Priceless!

305 Pilates-Yoga: Piloga Event for Ladies

This event will be an experiential guided practice from two experienced teachers. The class will have a mind/body focus by engaging the core muscles and activating a steady and grounded mental/emotional space. This class is for all levels. For Females above 13.

Available to **8 women over 13** at **3 PM** on **Sunday April 26, 2020** at **Beth Jacob Congregation. Minimum bid \$20.00/woman over 13.**

Donor: Esther Kroner & Mindy Berla

Priceless!

306 *Literary Salon

Come for a relaxing afternoon to hear talented Beth Jacob writers share excerpts from their novels, short stories and poetry. Wine, cheese, yummy desserts, fancy teas and coffee.

Available to **40 adults** at **4:00 PM** on **Sunday 4/26/2020** at the Jagoda residence, 5156 Parkridge Drive, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$25/adult.**

Donor: Arnie Blustein, Debbie Cohen, Mark Cohen, Joanne Jagoda and Jay Koppelman

Priceless!

307 *I Heart Kosher Weiners and Frank!

Come enjoy kosher delicious hot dogs with all the fixins imported from Chicago's famed Romanian Butcher! Join in some karaoke singing fun on the side (bonus points for any song choices by singers with the word "Frank" in its name).

Available to **25 adults** at **7:00 PM** on **Sunday 4/26/2020** at the Hajdu residence, 646 Vernon St., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$25/adult.**

Donor: Jonathan & Ellie Hajdu and Todd & Leslie Wilkof

Priceless!

308 Sunday Cycle

Join Dan Minkoff and Raphi Shorser for a spirited ride through the Oakland Hills followed by coffee and pastries at the Minkoffs'. Plan for 20 miles and approximately 90-minute ride time (no one will be dropped).

Available to **8 people** at **9:00 AM** on **Sunday 5/3/2020**. **Minimum bid \$54/person.**

Donor: Dan Minkoff & Raphi Shorser

Priceless!

309 Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

3 prime Orchestra seats available for the hottest ticket in town, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. The show is presented in two parts, Part One at 2:30pm and Part Two at 7:30pm.

Based on an original new story by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, a new play by Jack Thorne received its world premiere in London's West End at the Palace Theatre in summer 2016.

The critically acclaimed production is the most awarded West End play in the history of the Olivier Awards, winning a record-breaking nine awards including Best New Play and Best Director in 2017.

Three seats are available for this double performance, for 5/6/2020. Minimum Bid: \$150/double ticket.

Donor: Dan & Jessica Minkoff

Donor Value: \$320 each

310 Women and Girls Challah Bake and Shiur

What could be better than Challah and Torah? If you want to learn to braid Challah or if you are interested in the Mitzvah of taking Challah or if you just want to hang out with our own Eliana Indig from NCSY, this is the event for you.

Available to **12 Women and Girls** at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday May 5, 2020** at the Friedkin residence, 308 Saint James Drive, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$25/woman.**

Donor: Eliana Indig & Terry Friedkin

Priceless!

311 *Man's Cup Cruise

Calling all manly men for a grueling white water adventure on the South Fork of the American River for only the toughest of the tough. After the cruise, we will have a massive BBQ on the river featuring the acclaimed Man's "Three-Meat Minhag" (with manly vegetarian and fish options as well).

Available to **12 men (18 or older)** on **Sunday 5/17/2020** at 6019 New River Road, Coloma CA. **Minimum bid \$100/manly man.**

Donor: Alan Engel

Priceless!

312 *Backyard Burger (and Sausage!) Bar

Back by popular demand....The Backyard Burger (and sausage) Bar! Feeling sad that there's no LA Burger Bar around? Can't get your Le Marais burger fix unless you're in NYC? Come and join us for a beautiful springtime afternoon while eating burgers with all of your decadent favorite fixings!

Available to **3 families (adults and children)** at **4:00 PM on Sunday 5/17/2020** at the Dahan residence, 120 King Ave., Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$80/family.**

Donor: Omri & Jackie Dahan and Aaron Harris & Jenna Statfeld Harris

Priceless!

313 *Canyon Ranch Oakland

Feeling stressed? Needing a stay-cation? Indulge yourself and maybe go in with a group of your closest friends for a ladies-only wellness afternoon at "Canyon Ranch Oakland!" A 30-minute express Barre class will be followed by swimming and relaxing those tired muscles in a hot tub. Bubbles with your bubbles? Or do you prefer a fresh smoothie? Spa-style lunch will be served. This event is open to 6 women.

Available to **6 women** at **11:00 AM on Sunday 6/7/2020** at the Dahan residence, 120 King Ave., Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$75/woman.**

Donor: Jackie Dahan, Ilana Friedkin, Orlee Karpel and Bev Weinberger

Priceless!

314 Adult Latte n Learn!

Come join Rabbi Akiva at Peet's for an enjoyable learning session and coffee! Time and date will be provided based on mutual agreement, most likely in June.

Available to **5 participants. Minimum bid \$15/person.**

Donor: Rabbi Akiva Naiman

Priceless!

315 *Jewish Musicians From the 1950's to the Present

Join Rabbi Albert, Diane & Sheldon Whitten-Vile, and David Gluck for a sing-along tour of famous Jewish musicians who have created indelible melodies during the last 70 years. Dairy desserts and drinks provided.

Available to **24 people** at **7:30 PM** on **Sunday 7/5/2020** at the Whitten-Vile residence, 801 Rosemount Rd., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$40/person**

Donor: Rabbi Gershon Albert, David Gluck and Sheldon & Diane Whitten-Vile
Priceless!

316 *Backpacking with the Boys

This event is a 3-day, 2-night backpacking trip in the high Sierras. The excursion will encompass hiking a total distance of 10 to 15 miles with a ~35 pound backpack. Great exercise (sometimes strenuous), unbelievably beautiful views. You will need to provide your own equipment (backpack, sleeping bag and pad, etc.) and food for your two lunches. We will provide breakfast, dinners, and cooking equipment.

Available to **13 people**, the trip will be from Sunday morning July 12 through Tuesday evening July 14, 2020. **Minimum bid \$250/person.**

Donor: Joel Carr & Dean Rubinson
Priceless!

317 *Backyard Extravaganza in Danville

Backyard Extravaganza - fantastic afternoon in a gorgeous backyard in Danville with Pool, Hot Tub, Table Tennis, Bocce Ball, and Lawn Games. Delicious Barbecue by Epic Bites (meat). Perfect way to cool off with the family this summer and connect with friends. Huge Backyard to play in. All ages and families.

Available to **10 families** at **Noon** on **Sunday 7/19/2020** at the Petrowsky residence, 914 El Pintado Rd., Danville. **Minimum bid \$65/family.**

Donor: Anne & Nathan Petrowsky
Priceless!

318 *Cake Decorating - Get that Idea Down in Frosting

Big on ideas and small on drawing skills? Ever know the design you want on a cake but don't know how to make it happen? In this class, you will learn a technique that makes drawing a frosting picture as easy as using a coloring book. Attendees will get all the tools they need to cake decorate, including the cake! Please note: families attending together will get a single cake to share, unless you reach out to the hosts in advance.

Available to **8 people (age 12 or older)** at **1:00 PM** on **Sunday 7/26/2020** at the Hart residence, 696 Longridge Road, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$30/person.**

Donor: Dena Mendelsohn & Alex Hart Priceless!

319 *Murder Among the Mateys: A Night of Buccaneers, Booty and Bloodshed

Please join us for a murder mystery party dinner. Dairy dinner, hard tack, grog and intrigue provided. Costumes strongly encouraged but not required.

Available to **12 people** at **5:30 PM** on **Sunday 8/9/2020** at the Gluck residence, 825 Longridge Rd., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$75/person.**

Donor: David & Robin Gluck, Lynn Greene, Abe & Tamara Leider and Phillip & Daphna Ross Priceless!

320 *Wine and Dine in the Napa Sunshine

Spend a luxurious and leisurely afternoon at one of Napa Valley's newest wine estates, ESTATE 8. Enjoy a unique kosher wine tasting and sumptuous luncheon in the entertainment space of this beautiful vineyard and winery designed by the world famous designer Howard Backen. Wine tasting facilitated by none other than our own wine connoisseur and published wine reviewer Yitz Applbaum.

Available to **30 Adults** at **12:00 PM** on **Sunday August 23, 2020** at the ESTATE 8 Winery, Napa. **Minimum bid: \$100 per person .**

Donor: Yitz & Hilda Applbaum and Seth Timen & Lisa Kurtz Priceless!

321 *Mother and Daughter Swim

Just a fun swim time to share with your daughter(s) in a private pool. Followed by Grilled Cheese Paninis. Relax (no boys or men please) and enjoy.

Available to **4 Moms (with daughters)** at **10:00 AM** on **Sunday 8/30/2020** at the Friedkin residence, 308 Saint James Drive, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$15/adult.**

Donor: Terry Friedkin Priceless!

322 *Family Swim Party

Enjoy an afternoon of swimming followed by a Fajita Bar (Meat). Good for all ages. Bring flotation devices for non-swimmers. Popsicles and drinks by the pool followed by an early dinner. See you there.

Available to **4 families** at **2:00 PM** on **Sunday 8/30/2020** at the Friedkin residence, 308 Saint James Drive, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$75/family.**

Donor: Stephen & Terry Friedkin

Priceless!

323 *Annual Santa Rosa Soiree

Please join us in beautiful Sonoma County for our annual Santa Rosa Soiree. Good Food and Great Conversation to be had!

Available to **25 people** at **11:00 AM** on **Sunday 9/13/2020** at the Egger residence, 4720 Devonshire Pl, Santa Rosa. **Minimum bid \$15/person.**

Donor: Michael & Shelley Egger

Priceless!

324 Rosh Hashana at the Alberts'

You and 8 guests are invited for a meat and parve dinner on the first night of Rosh Hashana with the Alberts. Come for the food and stay for the conversation!

Available to **one bidder** at **7:30 PM** on **Friday 9/18/2020** at the Albert residence, 1063 Mandana Blvd., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$200.**

Donor: Rabbi Gershon & Meira Albert

Priceless!

325 Sukkot at the Alberts'

Come for the food and stay for the conversation! The top bidder and 8 of their friends and family are invited to the Alberts' sukkah for a dairy/parve meal. Sukkot date to be mutually decided upon.

Available to **one bidder. Minimum bid \$200.**

Donor: Rabbi Gershon & Meira Albert

Priceless!

326 *Cheese With a Breeze

Enjoy a variety of cheese fondues with accompaniments, prepared by Todd, co-founder of Fondue Fred of Berkeley. Chocolate fondue will cap off the meal.

Available to **10 adults** at **8:00 PM** on **Tuesday 10/6/2020** at the Wilkof residence, 743 Longridge Rd., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$50/adult.**

Donor: Todd & Leslie Wilkof

Priceless!

327 *Tastes of Tuscany in the Sukkah

Join your hosts in the Zak Sukkah for a sumptuous dinner featuring the cuisine and wines of Tuscany. This will be a meat meal.

Available to **8 adults** at **7:00 PM** on **Thursday October 8, 2020** at the Zak residence, 901 Hillcroft Circle, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$50.**

Donor: Todd & Leslie Wilkof and Ari & Shelley Zak

Priceless!

328 *Shabbat Hike and Lunch up Har Holyrood

Guided hike to our home in the Oakland hills after Shabbat services for a vegan meal on October 24. (3.5 miles and 1200-foot climb). Transportation home provided after Shabbat for those who don't want to walk back.

Available to **8 people after Shabbat services** on **Saturday 10/24/2020** at the Marinoff residence, 3020 Holyrood Dr., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$25/person.**

Donor: David & June Marinoff

Priceless!

329 *Small Plates, Big Sounds: Vol. 2

The musical and culinary tour of different cuisines and musical genres returns! Each tasting course is paired with different musical selections. Food is dairy and vegetarian.

Available to **20 adults** at **8:00 PM** on **Saturday 11/7/2020** at the Shusteff residence, 173 Saint James Drive, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$80/adult.**

Donor: Rabbi Gershon & Meira Albert, Raphael & Leslie Edelman, Ben & Amy Kellogg and Maxim & Tamar Shusteff

Priceless!

330 *Real Women Drink Bourbon

Neat, on the rocks, or as a cocktail? Join us for a post-Shabbat drink and fun at one of Oakland's hottest bars. We can't wait to raise a glass with you - L'chaim!

Available to **8 Women** at **7:30 PM (preliminary)** on **Saturday 11/7/2020 or 11/14/2020 (TBD)**, at a location to be determined in Oakland. **Minimum bid \$40.**

Donor: Ellie Hajdu, Stephanie Mamane and Siggy Rubinson

Priceless!

331 *Faîtes la fête!

Petit déjeuner suivi de la projection d'un film. Tout en français!

Available to **8 people** at **9:30 AM** on **Sunday 11/8/2020** at the Sosebee residence, 701 Trestle Glen Road, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$50/person.**

Donor: Patrick Feigelson & Deborah Sosebee

Priceless!

332 *Pub night

Pub food, beer and games- join us for a night of fun!

Available to **20 adults** at **7:00 PM** on **Saturday 11/14/2020** at a location TBD. **Minimum bid \$40/adult.**

Donor: Amy & Ben Kellogg, Joshua & Sarah Luks and Seth Timen & Lisa Kurtz

Priceless!

333 *Mexican Fiesta Brunch

Join us for the 2nd annual Mexican brunch with delicious food, picante Bloody Marys, Margarita Mimosas, Agua Frescas and music! Your hosts, Jenna Statfeld Harris & Aaron Harris and Omer & Mary Friedman, will prepare a succulent Mexican-inspired brunch (think homemade huevos rancheros, chilaquiles, papas bravas, mango salsa, and fresh guacamole, Mexican chocolate bread pudding, etc). Dairy and vegetarian. Arriba!!!

Available to **12 adults** at **10:30 AM** on **Sunday 11/15/2020** at the Friedman residence, 6417 Estates Drive, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$50/adult.**

Donor: Mary & Omer Friedman and Jenna Statfeld Harris & Aaron Harris

Priceless!

334 *Russian Dinner #8

Experience the event your friends have talked about for years!!! Enjoy a traditional Russian festive dinner, back for the 8th year! Now with more vegetarian options!!! Feast on endless appetizers, beet borscht, pelmeni (dumplings), and don't forget to leave room for the main course. Toast with vodka, learn a little bit about Russian culture, or maybe just feel nostalgic for what your babushka (grandma) used to make. The menu is meat, with plenty of vegetarian options (yes, it is possible in Russian cuisine).

Available to **22 adults** at **6:00 PM** on **Sunday 11/15/2020** at the Burshteyn residence, 3915 Arbolado Drive, Walnut Creek. **Minimum bid \$70/person.**

Donor: Sophia & Boris Burshteyn, Maxim & Tamar Shusteff and Ari & Shelley Zak
Priceless!

335 *Women's Boogie Night

Super freaks, disco queens and funk machines get down at the second annual women-only dance party at the Hajdu Disco. Signature drinks and your favorite dance tunes. Come and shake your groove thing!

Available to **50 women** at **7:30 PM** on **Sunday 12/6/2020** at the Hajdu residence, 646 Vernon St., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$25/woman.**

Donor: Robin Gluck & Ellie Hajdu
Priceless!

336 Shabbat Chanukah Meal at the Alberts'

Join the Alberts for a yummy Chanukah-themed Shabbat meal.

Available to **10 people** at **1:30 PM** on **Saturday 12/12/2020** at the Albert residence, 1063 Mandana Blvd., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$45/person.**

Donor: Rabbi Gershon & Meira Albert
Priceless!

337 *6th Annual Comedy Night

Will you be lucky enough to win a space at the most popular event in the Beth Jacob auction? Bid early and bid high for the 2020 Comedy event! Come laugh with our community at audio clips of some of the best comedians, living or dead, Jewish or otherwise. You'll hear some of your old favorites and meet some new talent. Carefully curated by Mark Zitter and Howard Ruben, your laughter is guaranteed. After-dinner drinks, dairy and parve hors d'oeuvres and desserts included.

Available to **25 adults at 7:30 PM on Saturday 12/12/2020** at the Zitter residence, 600 Carlston Ave., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$45/person.**

Donor: Mark Zitter & Howard Ruben

Priceless!

338 *Homecooked Sichuan Dinner

Does chili oil = complete happiness for you? Do you agree with the statement "the spicier, the better"? Have you considered relocating to be closer to Kosher Chinese food (but actually)? If the answer is yes to any or all, come join us for a kosher home-cooked Sichuan meal! Dinner will be meat, but we will have vegetarian options as well. We'll also have some specially selected drink pairings.

Available to **10 adults at 7 PM on Sunday 12/13/2020** at the Wilkof residence, 743 Longridge Road, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$20/person.**

Donor: Josh Mitrani & Ariel Siegel and Todd & Leslie Wilkof

Priceless!

339 *A Taste of Bohemia

Enjoy a delicious traditional Bohemian dinner with duck, dumplings, cabbage, Czech beer and good company. Discuss a Czech novel with a literature professor (book to be decided upon) and perhaps come away with some new Czech words and phrases. Na zdravi!

Available to **6 adults and older teens at 5 PM on Sunday 12/20/2020** at the Kaye residence, 1880 Trestle Glen Road, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$75/person**

Donor: Naomi Kaye Honova & Jan Kaye Hon

Priceless!

340 *Shakshuka and Mimosas

Your hosts, Omer & Mary Friedman and Matt & Stephanie Dilworth, will prepare a succulent brunch with the highlight of the meal being Shakshuka (a north African dish of eggs poached in a sauce of tomatoes) in a variety of spiciness levels, mallauach (staple of Yemenite Jews, basically a delicious puff pastry pancake), Israeli salad, labane, and fresh fruit. We'll trade stories of living in and visiting Israel, and the delicacies of Israel that we all have come to know and love. Sit back, laugh, listen to Israeli music and entice your senses with Shakshuka and Mimosas!

Available to **8 Adults** at **10:30 AM** on **Sunday 1/10/2021** at the Friedman residence, 6417 Estates Drive, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$40/person.**

Donor: Mary & Omer Friedman and Stephanie Mamane & Matt Dilworth Priceless!

341 *Journey to Taiwan Mountains - Tea Tasting

Tea tasting for you and bring a friend! Come and taste tea from the Dong Ding Mountains of Taiwan. Learn about how tea is processed and brewed in Taiwan. 3 types of tea will be served (fresh oolong, mild oolong, and roasted oolong). You will also get to bring home some tea.

Available to **the top two bidders (each brings a friend)** at **2:00 PM** on **Sunday 1/10/2021** at the Green/Huang residence, 3838 Elston Ave., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$50/pair.**

Donor: Talia Green and Amily Huang & David Green Priceless!

342 *Wine Tasting, Art Making, and Desserts

Join the Edelms, Diengott/Carrs and Susman/Levins for a fun and fabulous night of art, artisan wines and desserts. Wine-maker Dan Levin will delight the palate with Kosher Napa Valley wines paired with elegant homemade dairy desserts by our master bakers Raphael Edelman, Joan Diengott and Joel Carr. All the while, you will be creating original works of art taught by an outstanding Bay Area artist. No artistic talent required!

Available to **30 adults** at **8:00 PM** on **Saturday 1/23/2021** at the Susman/Levin residence. **Minimum bid: \$100/person.**

Donor: Joel Carr & Joan Diengott, Raphael & Leslie Edelman and Dan Levin & Galyn Susman Priceless!

343 *Super Bowl 2021 Party

Watch the Super Bowl on your choice of two large-screen TVs while children can play too! Not Tampa but Piedmont fully equipped with all the regular Football snacks and Grow and Behold Burgers and Dogs and sides. Kick-off 3:30 PST (based on past times).

Available to **12 families** at **3:30 PM** on **Sunday 2/7/2021** at the Friedkin residence, 308 Saint James Drive, Piedmont. **Minimum bid \$100/family.**

Donor: Stephen & Terry Friedkin

Priceless!

344 *Art Attack Two

Bring your creativity and young budding artist for an afternoon of inter-generational art collaboration and goodies. Snacks are dairy.

Available to **12 kids (and their accompanying adult)** at **1:30 PM** on **Sunday 2/14/2021**, at the Weinberger residence, 945 Sunnyhills Road, Oakland. **Minimum bid \$40/child (includes an adult).**

Donor: Joan Diengott & Beverley Weinberger

Priceless!

C. Events - Dates TBD

350 Shabbat Lunch with a Scholar-in-Residence

Join Meira and Rabbi Albert at their home for a Shabbat lunch with one of our Scholars-in-Residence in the 5781 (2020-21) calendar year - an opportunity to meet a Jewish thinker or leader as they visit our community!

Available to **10 people** at approx. **1:30 PM** on **Saturday TBD** at the Albert residence, 1063 Mandana Blvd., Oakland. **Minimum bid \$50/person.**

Donor: Rabbi Gershon & Meira Albert

Priceless!

351 Private Yoga/Massage session

Come relax for an hour of deep stretching and massage adjustments in the poses. You will leave feeling de-stressed and truly relaxed! Class led by Mielcah Munk - Licensed Massage Therapist and Registered Yoga Instructor.

Available to **4 women at a time** and **date to be determined** at Beth Jacob, 3778 Park Blvd., Oakland . **Minimum bid \$100/person.**

Donor: Mielcah Munk

Priceless!

D. Getaways

401 Rabbi Dardik's Old City Tour

One-hour walking tour of the Old City that makes Biblical and Temple history come alive. Great for newcomers to Jerusalem as well as seasoned travelers- the tour is focused on a few sites and viewpoints that most visitors have never seen or fully understood.

Available to **five individuals, groups or families** (7 people max) on **dates to be arranged** with Rabbi Dardik. **2 PM on a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday** would be best. **Minimum bid: \$100 per family / group.**

Donor: Rabbi Judah Dardik

Priceless!

402 Shabbat with the Foxes

Whether it's -40 degrees or sunny and warm in the Windy City, the Fox Den is waiting for you! One-of-a-kind Shabbat with the Foxes enjoying the Chicagoan experience along with fine food and fantastic company.

Available to **one family** on date and time to be arranged with Rabbi Fox. **Minimum bid \$125/ family.**

Donor: Bryna & Rabbi Daniel Fox

Priceless!

403 *Shabbat at the Linkses' in CT!

Miss the wonderful Links family? They miss you too! You and your family are invited to spend Shabbat at the Links home in Connecticut. Only a short trip into NYC, a perfect weekend getaway on your next East Coast adventure. Specific Shabbat date to be mutually decided upon by winner and Links family.

Available to **one family. Minimum bid: \$50/family.**

Donor: Vered & Mark Links

Priceless!

404 *Shabbat Weekend in Beautiful Boca Raton, Florida

Spend an incredible Shabbat weekend in beautiful Boca Raton with Justin and Shacharit Rosenthal. A couple (or small family with two kids) will dine on delicious food and wine, attend services at the famous Boca Raton Synagogue, and relax in a tropical environment under the shade of coconut trees! Plus, a guided tour of the everglades and/or a guided beach trip to snorkel among colorful fish awaits you on Sunday! Date to be mutually agreed upon. Transportation costs not included.

Available to **one couple or family. Minimum bid is \$180/couple or family.**

Donor: Justin & Shacharit Rosenthal

Priceless!

405 *Shabbat Getaway with the Eggers

Celebrate Shabbat with the Eggers while taking in the beautiful wine country vistas in Sonoma County. Fine food and great company await.

Available to **one family** (4 people max) at a time to be arranged at the Egger residence, 4720 Devonshire Pl., Santa Rosa. **Minimum bid \$50/family.**

Donor: Michael & Shelley Egger

Priceless!

E. Food and Flowers

501 *Challah on Demand

Braided? Round? Seeded? Plain? Rainbow Sprinkles? It's up to you! Two home-baked challot on a Friday of your choosing. If you're nice, it even includes delivery! One week's notice, please. **Expires 3/31/2021.**

Available to the top 20 bidders. Minimum Bid: \$20.

Donor: Deborah Sosebee

Donor Value: \$10 each

502 *Shake 'n Bake

If it's baked, it's yours. Deborah will make a lasagna, a quiche, a dozen muffins or a batch of scones just for you! One's week's notice, please. Expires 3/31/2021.

Available to the two top bidders. Minimum bid is \$30.

Donor: Deborah Sosebee

Donor Value: \$20 each

503 *Soups and Spreads

For the fourth year, I offer to make, six times a year, either a quart of a spread (hummus, baba ghanouj, and vegetarian chopped liver) or two quarts of soup (split pea; lentil; mushroom and barley; black bean with sherry; roasted eggplant, red onion, tomato, red bell pepper; curried cauliflower; and cauliflower / cheddar cheese); or honey cake made with my mother's recipe. You choose which and when. Made in my kitchen, your kitchen, or the shul kitchen. Cauliflower-cheddar soup, vegetarian eggplant and honey cake are vegetarian, all other items are vegan.

Available to one bidder. Minimum bid \$75.

Donor: Marshall Schwartz

Donor Value: \$75

504 *The World's Best Cookies

A dozen of the world's best chocolate chip cookies (per the New York Times). These enormous cookies are firm at the edges, soft in the center, very decadent, very dairy and very delicious. One week's notice, please.

Available to the two top bidders . Expires 3/31/2021. Minimum bid \$30.

Donor: Deborah Sosebee

Donor Value: \$25 each

505 Peet's Gift Cards

Two \$50 gift cards to Peet's Coffee.

Minimum bid is \$25 per card.

Donor: Neil & Marlee Taxy

Donor Value: \$50 each

506 Weekly Flower Delivery

Get a weekly flower delivery for 1 month, handpicked and curated by the floral team of Ellie and Jenna! Winner chooses the floral profusion month.

Minimum bid: \$120.

Donor: Jenna Statfeld Harris & Ellie Hajdu

Donor Value: \$80

507 Hello Haloumi!

Approximately one pound of fresh, delicious, home-made haloumi cheese, ready for grilling, frying or eating straight up! Deborah has mastered the art of haloumi-making and offers to share the fruits (milks?) of her labors. Comes with a one-cup side of whey ricotta! One week's notice, please. **Minimum bid: \$36.**

Donor: Deborah Sosebee

Donor Value: \$18

F. Items and Services

601 All the Voice of Jacob published original issues (from inception to e-format)

All the Voice of Jacob published original issues (from inception to e-format), collected by Pinchas Feigelson and beautifully bound by Master Bookbinder Ulli Rotzcher. A unique testimony of 35 years of history of the Beth Jacob Community!
Minimum bid \$1000.

Donor: Patrick Feigelson & Ulli Rotzcher.

Priceless!

602 Large Ceramic Hand-Made Passover Seder Plate

Lovely 17.5" diameter ceramic Passover seder plate with Hebrew lettering around the edge and hand-painted scenery of Jerusalem motif. Anonymous donor.
Minimum bid: \$35.

Donor Value: \$70

603 Oil Hanukkiah with Etched Glass Background

Oil Hanukkiah in brass with beautiful etched glass background of the Western Wall.
Minimum bid: \$35.

Donor: Richard Tash

Donor Value: \$100

604 Omri Caspi Signed Warriors Jersey

Autographed Omri Caspi's Warriors Jersey #18!
Minimum bid: \$250.

Donor: Omri Dahan

Donor Value: \$150

605 Math or Physics Tutoring

Math or Physics Tutoring: Any Level from Elementary School through Advanced Undergraduate.
Each winning bidder gets three 45-minute sessions. Services must be used by Rosh Hashanah.

Available to the **top two bidders. Minimum bid: \$60.**

Donor: E. Michael Deutscher

Donor Value: \$200 each

606 Small Electrical Wiring or Repair

Small electrical jobs: installing or replacing devices (light fixtures, switches, receptacles, timers, circuit breakers, etc.), replacing cords, minor repairs to appliances, troubleshooting intermittent or non-functioning lights and the like. Winner must pay for materials needed. Anything that would require a higher degree of work (e.g., bending and laying of conduit, fishing of cable behind walls, large opening up of walls, working in crawlspace or attic, remediating old precarious wiring with flaking, "crispy" insulation, digging of trenches) would require charges beyond the donation. Must be used by Rosh Hashanah.

Available to the top two bidders. Minimum bid: \$75.

Donor: E. Michael Deutscher

Donor Value: \$150 each

607 One-On-One Personal Training Session

It's a win win! Get into great shape, feel great and support Beth Jacob! One individualized personal training session with Olympic Qualifier, athlete extraordinaire and all around nice guy, Jeff Laynes. Training session takes place in the comfort of your home. Jeff provides all equipment. Just bring your desire to get fit and feel great! You will contact Jeff to schedule your session.

Available to the top bidder. Minimum bid: \$100.

Donor: Leora Hahn & Jason Randell

Donor Value: \$150

608 Shabbat Helper To The Rescue!

Feeling overwhelmed with shabbos plans? Lyla Randell, Red Cross Babysitter certified mothers helper, to the rescue. Let me help you by taking care of your children or doing tasks that you don't have time to finish. I can come help right after shul up until the end of Shabbat. Name the task and I'll be happy to do it. One Shabbat per entry, per day, **3 entrys available**. Throughout the year. **Minimum bid: \$30.**

Donor: Layla Hahn-Randell

Priceless!

*Thank You for Coming and
Helping make the Gala a
Success!*